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THIS BRIDEGROOM SAT DOWN

Didn't See Why He Should Stand
While the Bride Plighted Her
Troth at the Altar.

They strolled into the parsonage of a suburban town in New Jersey and asked to get married. They were from back in the country and both seemed anxious to get the ceremony over and done with and get back to their work. Thrifty young people of German blood, they were, with no time to waste on foolishness.

The minister called in his wife and servant to witness the ceremony and proceeded promptly. He had the couple stand before him, asked the usual preliminary questions, and then got from the bridegroom the pledge that tied him for life to the bride.

He had just started with "Do you take this man," when he was astonished to see the bridegroom walk over to a sofa and calmly sit down.

"What do you mean by that?" asked the minister. "Don't you want to finish the ceremony?"

"Sure," said the bridegroom. "But you're through with me. I've said my part, and I'll sit here until she says hers. I'm tired."

"You'll come back here and stand up until it is over," said the parson in some heat.

The man got up and came back. His bride had not minded his action in the least. After they had gone the minister spoke his mind:

"The woman is going to get the worst of that matrimonial bargain."

And for once his wife agreed with him.

WEAKEST "GO TO THE WALL"

Universal Law of Nature for All
Species is the Survival of
the Fittest.

"In a community of foxes the most cunning fox would survive; in a pack of wolves the wildest and strongest wolf; while in a community of ants, those that had the least power of intelligent co-operation would be the first to become extinct. And it is equally obvious that the interpretation of the world selection must vary in every grade of life, with every rise in intelligence—intelligence being, in normal circumstances, the prime factor which determines selection. Our garden roses would soon degenerate were not the selective intelligence of the gardener brought into play. Hence, intelligence whether self-determining or brought into play from without, is obviously one of the conditions which determine fitness. But there are even higher determining conditions than intelligence, for intelligence alone may manifest itself in mere cunning. The qualities of prudence, temperance, fidelity, sympathy, co-operation, self-sacrifice for a common good—all these are amongst the determining conditions of fitness, for a people that has these qualities will always be able to hold its own against an imprudent, intemperate, unfaithful, unsympathetic and selfish people."—Ramsden Balmforth.

Friendship.

Some one once asked Kingsley what was the secret of his strong, joyous life, and he answered: "I had a friend." If every evil man is a center of contagion, every good man is a center of healing. He provides an environment in which others can see God. Goodness creates an atmosphere for other souls to be good. It is a priestly garment that has virtue even for the finger that touches it. The earth has sweet souls and winsome lives, and Christ-like characters to be found in it. The choice of friends is, therefore, one of the most serious affairs in life, just because a man becomes molded into the likeness of what he loves in his friend.—Hugh Black.

Her Reason.

"Why did you lead me on to propose to you?" he asked, on the night of the dance. "Why did you encourage me if you intended to refuse me?" "You do me a great injustice," she answered. "What have I ever done to make you think that I loved you?" "When you danced with the other men," he replied, "you kept them at arms' length. But when you danced with me you leaned on my shoulder—you almost let me carry you."

"That was to keep my feet off the floor so that you wouldn't step on my toes. You are a very bum dancer, you know. Have you no other reasons?"

Really Interesting People.

Stevenson says he once sailed on a steamer which turned out to be a ship with no style on, but with plenty of sailors to talk to. "Plenty of sailors to talk to" suggests most anything but that "you can always tell a man by the company he keeps." The great man loves to rub elbows with what too often are unjustly called the common people, people who live their own queer way regardless of man-made laws or the whims and edicts of society. The common people are the only people who, wise or foolish, are natural and interesting.

Natural History.

"Why, sir," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "do you call me an amphibian?" "I refer to your method of capitalization."

"But I have developed the resources of the land."

"Yes. But when you get tired of the land you take to water."

Hopkinsville Market
Quotations.

Corrected Sept. 21, 1911.

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Dried Navy beans, \$3.00 per bushel

Cabbage, 3 cents a pound.

Dried Lima beans, 10c per pound.

Country dried apples, 10c per pound

Country dried peaches, 10c per pound

Daisy cream cheese, 25c per pound

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Popcorn, dried on ear, 2c per pound, Fresh Eggs 25c per doz

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Lemons, 25c per dozen

Navel Oranges, 30c, 40c, per doz

Bananas, 15c and 20c doz

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No. 2 mixed corn, 70c

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Chops, \$3.50.

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Prices paid by wholesale dealers to butchers and farmers:

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GALLANT RESCUE IN GOTHAM

Young Man Bravely Saves Ragged
Doll, at the Expense of
His Trousers.

Passengers on a Fulton street elevated train who changed at Franklin avenue to the Brighton Beach division were witnesses of gallant rescue of a ragged doll from possible injury by the third rail or an approaching train. The rescuer suffered a torn trousers leg, but otherwise the act went off perfectly, even to a modest refusal to give his name to appreciative spectators.

The doll was the property of a two-year-old lass en route to her home in Sheephead Bay under the guardianship of her ten-year-old sister. Some way the doll slipped from its little mother's arms and crumpled on the rails, narrowly escaping a shock by the third rail.

Perceiving the plight of the doll, a young man sprang to the rails to its rescue amid the cheers of the spectators and was about to leap back gracefully when he slipped between the ties, tearing a conspicuous hole in his trousers. He was pulled to safety by many eager hands. He blushing fled to the waiting room and only reappeared when his train drew up.—New York Herald.

DECLINED A SECOND ROUND

Western Lawyer Willing to Admit
Court Was Right After the
First Recess.

The judge of a western court decided a point adversely to a certain lawyer. The lawyer was stubborn, and insisted that the judge was wrong.

"I tell you that I'm right!" yelled the judge, with flashing eyes.

"I tell you that you are not!" retorted the counsel.

"Crier!" yelled the judge, "I adjourn the court for ten minutes."

He pitched into the counsel, and after a sharp fight placed him hors de combat, after which business was resumed. But it was not long before another misunderstanding arose.

"Crier!" yelled the judge, "we will adjourn this time for 20 minutes."

"Never mind, judge," cried the counsel; "keep on your coat—the point is yielded. My thumb's out of joint and I've sprained my shoulder."

TRADITION PROVED TRUE.

There is an old Devonshire tradition to the effect that if the milk of a cow which has been bitten by a snake is allowed to stand, the form of a snake will appear in the cream. News has come to hand that five persons who live at Goldburn, near Okehampton, affirm that they have seen this strange sight. The cow in this case belongs to Mrs. Heale of Goldburn, and it was bitten by a viper a few days ago. The cow was milked, and the milk was about to be flung away when the servant girl interposed, and, speaking from previous experience, said, "Let it stand, because if the cow has been bitten by a snake it will show up in the milk." The milk was accordingly set aside, and on looking at it some three hours afterward the form of a snake was distinctly seen in the cream. There was an exact model of the reptile, the head, the eyes, and the tongue projecting from the mouth—perfect throughout to the tail.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

A commonplace idea is that China is passing through a period of transition. To what goal that process may ultimately conduct her no wise man will venture to predict. But while the process lasts the equilibrium of this vast and ancient empire seems to be peculiarly unstable. A very slight cause might upset it, and the consequences of such an overturn to the peace of the world would almost certainly be of an exceedingly serious kind. . . . Russia, we trust and believe, perceives the dangers of such a catastrophe and the ease with which it might be caused not less clearly, and therein, we are satisfied, is our best assurance that she will not push matters with China to an extremity save upon the weightiest and the most serious grounds.—London Times.

STRANGE BREAK OF NATURE.

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